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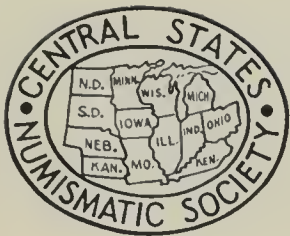
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CSNS Honors Lee Hewitt at '76 Chicago Convention

The 37th anniversary convention of the Central States Numismatic Society, held at the Sheraton-Chicago hotel April 30 to May 2, survived a three-day bout with Chicago's burly spring weather and the more than 2,000 people in attendance came away the winners.

The show, which was chaired by William A. Pettit and staffed by an industrious contingent of area collectors, featured an outstanding educational forum. With an appropriate Bicentennial theme, a trio of noted numismatists, Ken Bressett, Eric P. Newman and Henry Christensen, discussed the coins, paper money and foreign coins of the Colonial and Revolutionary War eras.

The social and emotional highlight of the gathering, however, was the Saturday evening banquet, which honored pioneer numismatic publisher Lee F. Hewitt, who originated Numismatic Scrapbook in January, 1935.

No stranger to the thousands of individuals he and his magazine started in the hobby. Hewitt is honorary president of CSNS, and is the recipient of several other important numismatic awards, including medals of merit pre-

Lowell L. Owen, CSNS Governor, Dies



Lowell L. Owen

CSNS Governor Lowell L. Owen, 55, died July 18 in Adel, Iowa.

Owen was a hard and diligent supporter of Central States, the ANA, the Iowa Numismatic Association and various local and state organizations.

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Friends and admirers flocked to extend greetings and to seek autographs of America's senior numismatic publisher, Lee F. Hewitt, at the conclusion of a testimonial dinner in his honor during the Chicago CSNS convention. The Centinel's camera caught Betty and Bob Medlar, Wanda Parker and Arlie Slabough in the group at Hewitt's table.

sented by the American Numismatic Association, CSNS and the Chicago Coin Club. He also received the ANA's highest honor, the Farran Zerbe Award, in 1962.

In a highly emotional atmosphere in the hotel's expansive Boulevard Room, about 120 friends of Hewitt gathered to honor the living memory of America's first successful commercial numismatic publisher and his long association with the hobby.

Hewitt, whose wife Virginia could not attend due to illness, was obviously moved by the occasion, which commenced with the presentation of a resolution in his honor from the CSNS Board of Governors, read by outgoing association president Daniel C. Parker.

Del Bertschy reflected on Hewitt's original numismatic publishing venture, a slight 4½-by 5½-inch, eight page yellow pamphlet titled "Numismatic Scrapbook." Issued in 200

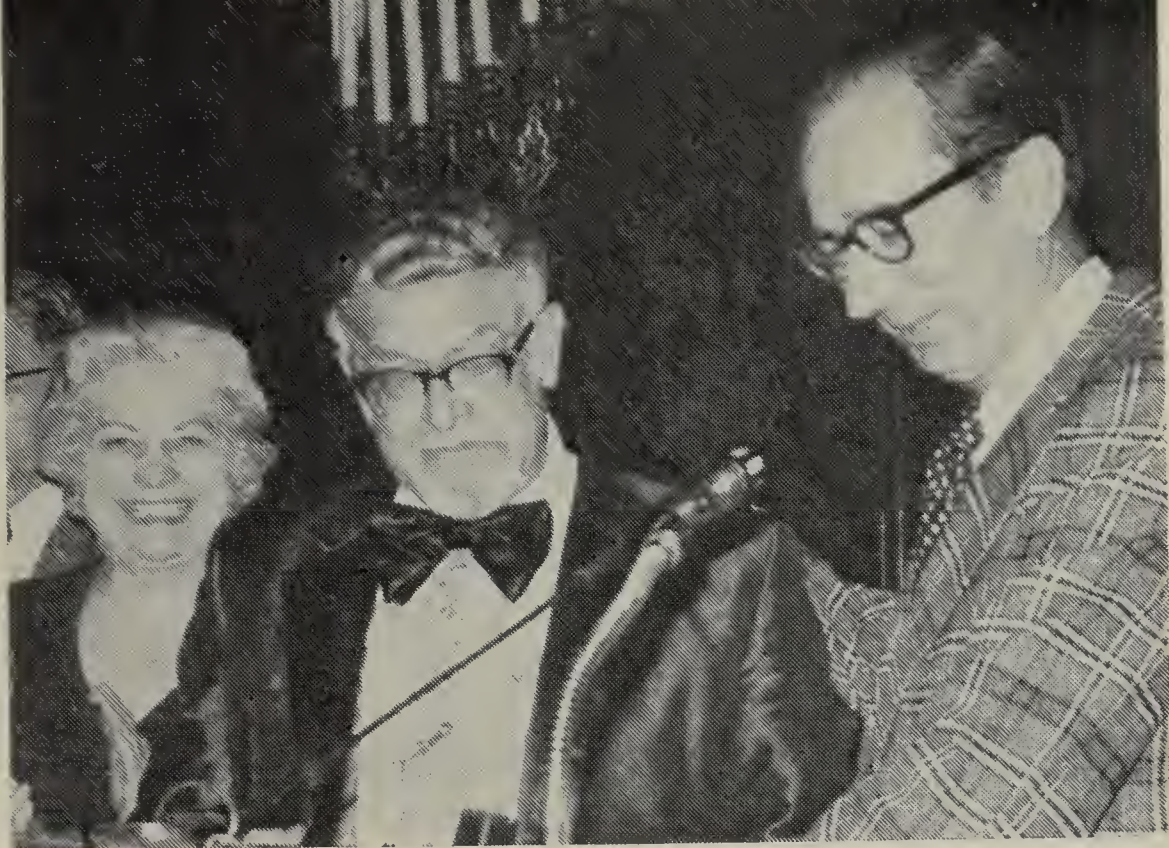
copies, it was dated January, 1935.

The publication, reproduced through the cooperation of Amos Press and Krause Publications, was a modest effort, and as Bertschy noted, "in those days we got them for free."

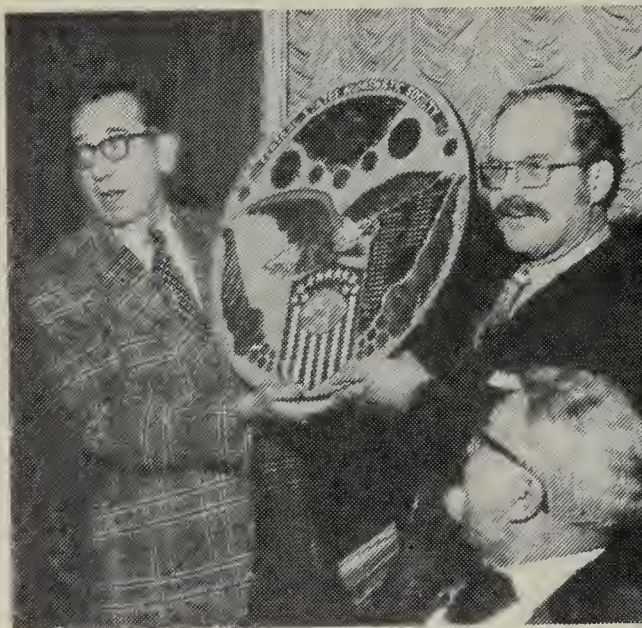
The venture prospered, however, and by the time the cover price reached 25 cents, the center staples were not long enough to hold the publication together, Bertschy recounted, and acknowledged upon urging from Hewitt, that the publication had gone to longer staples.

Hewitt's timing in entering the coin publishing trade was propitious, as he himself related to the audience in accepting a silver version of the convention medal. "I came along at the right time," he noted, and reflected that he knew the Chapmans, Barney Bluestone, George Bauer, "and all the people you read about."

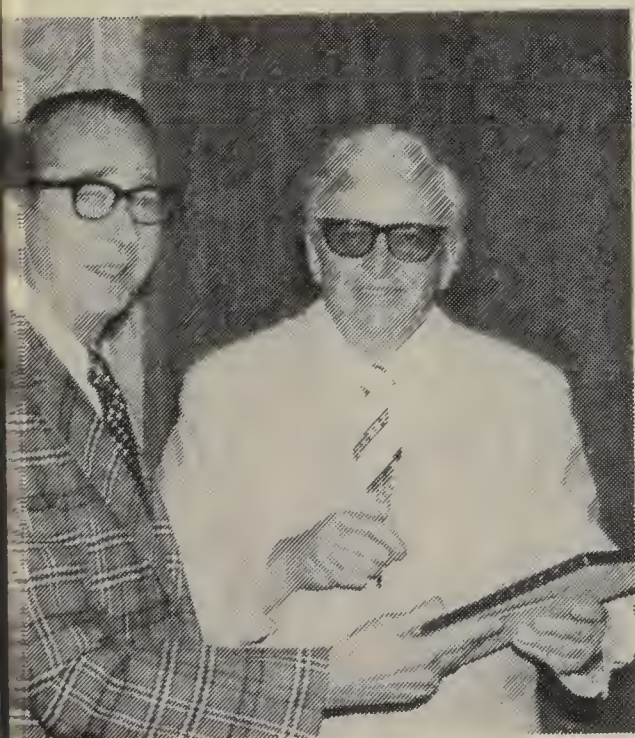
Hewitt also was presented the Num-
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Medals of Merit, the ultimate honor bestowed on its members by CSNS, were presented to two Society stalwarts... to Daniel C. Parker (above) for his support of the hobby on all levels, and to Jack Klausen (below) for twenty years of consecutive convention bourse participation and various contributions. The awards were presented by MoM committee chairman Ray Lefman.



The Show Chairman's Plaque, produced by Joseph Stack in 1941, was transferred to William Pettit, '76 chairman, and hosts, the Chicago Coin Club by '75 chairman Ray Lefman. The coin-studded plaque will be retained by the Chicago club until next year's Milwaukee convention.





ANA governor Grover C. Criswell officially installed newly elected CSNS officials during the awards banquet. Pictured at the head table (left to right) are Lowell and Marjorie Owen, Lee F. Hewitt, Suzanne and Harold Berk, Criswell, Kenneth Hallenbeck, and (standing) Ralph Hardman and Tim Marcy. Others elected were Del Bertschy, John Cain, Leon Hendrickson, Jack Huggins, Wayne Jackson, Tom Jones, Orlane Kittle, Michael Kolman, Kurt Krueger, Ray Lefman, Allen Schrock and Don Squire.

ismatic News Numismatic Ambassador award by Krause Publications president Chester L. Krause.

"Hewitt shares with previous recipients a dedication of spreading the word of coin collecting throughout the ranks and to the general public," Krause noted, "but in this attribute his service far outranks the contributions of his peers," he said in making the presentation.

The acknowledgements of Hewitt's four decades' service to the hobby extended outside the hotel ballroom, however, as letters of congratulations read by Pettit were received from J. O. Amos, Coin World Publisher, Margo Russell, Coin World editor, and William Louth, chairman of the board of the Medallion Art Co.

"The stylized sun rays forming the unique logo of the first Numismatic Scrapbook personify your bright numismatic career and the important contributions you have made as a numismatic publisher," Amos wrote.

"Your sun shows no signs of sinking slowly in the West," he continued, "instead it shines brighter than ever beneath those blue Florida skies and we take much pleasure in joining your many friends as they honor you this evening," he continued.

The esteem held for this country's senior numismatic publisher was, perhaps, best shown however by the crowd which flocked to him immediately following the conclusion of the banquet program.

Armed with their facsimile copies of that initial "Scrapbook" issue, which served as table favors for the banquet, they eagerly sought out Hewitt's autograph as they showered him with personal remembrances.

"We are living history," show chairman Pettit remarked, "and when you're living history and can feel it, be aware of it, you're ahead of the game."

Though the 8 p.m. sit-down banquet
(See **Convention**, page 14)

The country's senior numismatic publisher, Lee F. Hewitt of Chicago, has been named as the latest Numismatic News "Numismatic Ambassador Award" winner. Hewitt was presented the award by Krause Publications president Chester L. Krause who appeared on the program of the special Lee F. Hewitt recognition ceremony during the Central States Numismatic Society convention banquet held Saturday evening, May 1, at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel.

cal coin clubs and 50 full-time dealers from coast-to-coast.

The eight page, 200 copy first edition quickly gave way, fed by and feeding the flames of coin collecting popularity ushered in as a result of the commemorative half dollar craze of the 30s and the introduction of the "penny board," to a twelve issue volume of 532 pages in 1938. Passing the 1,000 page mark in 1944, "America's monthly authority on coin collecting" began to be known as the Wall Street

Lee F. Hewitt 'Numismatic Ambassador'

Hewitt shares with previous recipients a dedication of spreading the word of coin collecting throughout the ranks and to the general public, but in this attribute his service far outranks the contributions of his peers. As a numismatic publisher, his contributions to the growth of the hobby stretch back more than 40 years.

Hewitt in January, 1935, launched the first issue of the "Numismatic Scrapbook," a publication that was to subsequently impress a permanent impact upon the hobby through more than a third of a century of his leadership. Since the magazine was sold following publication of the April, 1968 issue, by which time the "Scrapbook" had become the most long-lived of any independent English language numismatic periodical, he has continued his hobby involvement as publisher of specialized numismatic monograph studies.

Hewitt's guiding hand directed the Scrapbook through a three decade period which may have been more turbulent and expansive than any ever previously visited upon the hobby. At the time of its birth the American Numismatic Association had a total membership of only about 1,200, and it is estimated that there were only 35 lo-



Honorary President of CSNS, Lee F. Hewitt, was named a "Numismatic Ambassador" by Chester L. Krause, president of Krause Publication.

Journal of the coin market.

Although Hewitt was to guide the Scrapbook through to many new hobby highs — as a publication it peaked at more than 30,000 subscribers and nearly 3,800 pages per year in the early

(See **Hewitt**, page 32)

WINNERS

of Exhibit Competition at C.S.N.S. Convention, April 30-May 2, 1976 Chicago, Illinois

United States Coins

- 1st Robert E. Douglas,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
"The Liberty Bell on U.S. Coins"
2nd John S. Davenport,
Galesburg, Illinois
"Coinage of the Colonies & States"

Ancient Coins

- 1st John S. Davenport,
Galesburg, Illinois
"Denari of Roman Republic & Empire"

Foreign Coins

- 1st Andrew P. Oberbillig,
Chicago, Illinois
"Commemorative Coins of New Zealand"
2nd Marilyn M. Douglas,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
"Canadian 1967 Centennial Commemorative Set"
3rd Edward A. Zabawski,
Chicago, Illinois
"Polish Coins Used in the American Colonies"

Paper Money

- 1st Carlton "Fred" Schwan,
Portage, Ohio
"Five Issues of Allied Military Currency of World War II"
2nd Erwin E. Brauer,
Normal, Illinois
"Types of Continental & Colonial Currency"
3rd Saul B. Needleman
"Paper Money of Colonial America"

Gold

- 1st Stewart B. Koppel
"Gold Coins of Israel"

Medals

- 1st Alice L. Anderson,
Caro, Michigan
"Medals of America in Space"
2nd Jack D. Huggins, Sr.,
Belleville, Illinois
"Official Inaugural Medals of the Presidents & Vice-Presidents of the U.S."
3rd Dolly E. Piff,
Belleville, Illinois
"U.S. Presidential Medals by White House Historical Association"

General

- 1st Andrew P. Oberbillig,
Chicago, Illinois
"Past & Present Coins and Currency of New Zealand"
2nd Gregory J. Gaskill,
Chicago, Illinois
"Plastic Money: Credit Cards"
3rd David Frohman,
Louisville, Kentucky
"Replica Coins & Currency of Colonial & Civil War America"

Junior

- 1st David W. Huggins,
Belleville, Illinois
"Roosevelt Dimes"
2nd John M. Quirk, Jr.,
Oak Park, Illinois
"U.S. History on Coins, Medals & Bars"
3rd Joc Szyszka,
Oak Park, Illinois
"American Sets & Ingots"

Non-Competitive

- Louis Koneza — "Polish Military Orders & Decorations"
Thaddeus Macynski — "1000 Years of Christianity in Poland/1000 Years of Polish History in Medals"

Julian S. Marks

Best Paper Money Exhibit

- Michael B. Scacci Ottumwa, Iowa

Best of Show

- Michael B. Scacci Ottumwa, Iowa

Gem Liberty Seated Silver Coins Bidders' Choice at RARCOA Sale

—by Bob Lemke

Enthusiastic floor bidding by a collector-weighted audience reasserted the continuing strong demand for gem quality type U.S. coins in the April 30-May 1 Rare Coin Company of America (RARCOA) auction at the Central States Numismatic Society convention in Chicago.

Liberty Seated silver dollars were much in demand in MS-65 or better condition. Some examples included an 1849 that sold at \$1,000; an 1854 that brought \$1,800; an 1860 that fetched \$1,500; an 1864 described as a "superb gem" which traded at \$3,200; a gem 1869 that hit \$1,600; a "proof-like" 1870 that brought \$1,800; a gem 1872 at \$2,300 and a gem 1873 that changed hands at \$1,750. A gem proof 1859 Liberty Seated cartwheel sold at \$1,900.

Trade dollars also continued to excite strong bidding. A gem BU 1874 sold for \$650; an 1876 in like condition brought \$925 and a choice BU 1877-CC sold for \$1,000.

The silver dollar run opened with a VF 1794 (first year of issue) from the 1974 A.N.A. auction. At the RARCOA sale the coin brought \$10,000; \$4,500 less than it fetched in 1974. A Continental dollar of 1776, cataloged as "virtually AU for this historic coin" sold for \$3,300.

The Central States auction contained a number of scarce varieties, most of which caught bidder interest and sold well.

Among these coins were: Proof 1833 half cent that drew a \$700 bid; BU

1865 over 4 two cents that sold for \$380; a so-called "doubled obverse" 1872 shield nickel, also BU, that brought \$250; a BU 1873 recut date shield nickel that sold for \$250; a VF 1918-D, 8 over 7 Buffalo nickel that sold for \$380 and a choice BU 1918-S, 8 over 7 Liberty Standing quarter that sold for \$5,500

There were many strong-selling pieces among the regular issue U.S. coins as well. A plain edge 1795 large cent in gem Unc. condition traded at \$1,600; a pair of proof flying eagle cents of 1856 sold for \$1,400 and \$1,800; BU silver three cents of 1854 and 1862 brought \$485 and \$180, respectively.

Early (draped and capped bust) silver half dimes through half dollars did not fare well, generally, in the RARCOA auction. An Unc. 1797 draped bust, small eagle half dime brought \$3,500, a 1796 dime of the same type sold at only \$2,000 in XF-AU; a 1795 half dollar described as choice BU sold for \$3,600 and an Unc. 1806, pointed 6, stem not through claw, sold for \$1,800.

The prices realized on a pair of 1837 no stars half dimes were indicative of the recent trend toward high prices for choice coins. The coin described as "fully BU" sold for \$480 while the companion piece, a gem, sold for \$925.

A choice BU 1837 no stars dime brought \$1,500, while a rare proof of the 1837 issue sold at \$2,900. A proof 1874 dime went for \$800.

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An 1850 Liberty Seated quarter, Described as a "possibly unique" proof, sold for \$3,800. Other choice quarters of the type also sold well. A gem 1854 sold at \$1,700 while an 1855 in similar condition brought \$1,350 and a BU 1873 with arrows quarter sold for \$675.

A pair of gem BU Standing Liberty quarters sold well in the auction's first session. A variety I 1917 brought \$295 and a 1930 sold for \$300.

A reeded edge, 50 cents, 1837 half sold for \$975 in BU, while an 1838, half dol. reverse, brought \$875 in the same condition.

Liberty Seated halves fared well in the CSNS auction. An arrows and rays 1853, BU, sold for \$1,300 while a companion piece, catalogued as gem BU sold at \$1,900. In a trio of 1854-O halves, an Unc. coin sold for \$290, a choice Unc. at \$750 and a gem BU at \$1,250. A pair of choice BU 1855-O with arrows halves brought \$650 and \$900. A gem BU 1858 sold for \$625 and a gem, with arrows 1873 half sold at \$1,350.

While a run of proof Barber half dollars sold at low prices, from \$375-\$575; a BU 1892 did better changing hands at \$575.

The market for gold dollar coins was very weak. Many rarities in the denomination sold at rock bottom prices. A rare 1860-D, VF, brought \$1,600; proofs of 1862 and 1873 (closed 3) sold for \$1,550 each while a VF 1875 sold for \$1,050.

In the quarter eagles, prices were generally a little better for business-strike coins while proof coins remained low. An XF 1832 \$2½ sold for \$2,200 and a choice BU 1882 brought \$600. Among the proofs were an 1893 at \$775; a 1903 at \$500; a 1905 at \$525 and a "Roman" proof 1910 at \$2,100, all of the proofs were described as having "light hairlines."

A pair of overdate varieties were of interest in the \$5 gold series. An AU example of the 1881 over the 1880 sold

for \$210 and a 1 over 0 1901-S sold for \$250, also in AU. A highlight of the denomination was a choice BU 1834 classic head, no motto \$5 that sold for \$2,000.

In a short run of \$10 coins, most sold well. An AU 1799 brought a healthy \$2,700; an XF 1853 described as 3 over 2 sold for \$800 while a matte proof 1911 Indian head eagle sold at \$4,800.

Double eagles also suffered in a cold gold coin market. An XF example of the rare 1854-O Liberty \$20 brought \$16,000, just over half what it sold for in the Scott auction. Some of the \$20s that did better included a VF 1879-O that fetched \$1,800; an XF 1881 that sold for \$5,750 and an XF 1882 that sold for \$9,000.

The highest selling coin in the St. Gaudens double eagle series was a BU 1921 that traded at \$12,000.

Highlights among the U.S. pattern pieces that closed the sale included a copper-nickel 1852 proof of the proposed gold ring dollar (Judd-148), selling for \$725; a regular dies trial strike of the 1856 half cent, in copper-nickel (J-177) that brought \$700; a regular dies trial piece in copper of the 1867 \$10 gold (J-602) that brought \$1,150 and a copper \$3 of 1871 (J-1167) that fetched \$900.

The second session opened with a run of key and semi-key Mercury dimes. A gem BU 1916-D sold for \$1,950 while gems of 1921 and 1921-D sold for \$1,500 each. Specimens of the 1942 over 1 overdate did not fare well. An AU example brought \$440 while a choice BU piece sold for \$800 while a F-VF overdate from the Denver Mint sold for \$250.

A choice 1932-D Washington quarter brought \$570.

The American Colonial coins which closed the U.S. section of the sale were a mixed bag of prices; the better date

(See **Auction**, page 14)

PRESIDENTIAL

COMMENTARY

First, let me express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the clubs and members who supported and elected me as President of this fine organization which ranks second only to the ANA. In return for this trust,



Harold H. Berk

I shall serve this group to the best of my ability and strive to maintain the high standards which have been set. In cooperation with my newly elected officers, board members and appointed officials, we hope to grow greater and stronger as time goes on.

We are grateful and appreciative of the fine work which Past President Dan Parker and his Board have done.

Del Bertschy, General Chairman of the 1977 convention to be held in Milwaukee, has already started working with the Milwaukee Numismatic So-

ciety and promises to make that convention the "greatest ever!"

We shall be holding our interim board meeting in Bloomington, Minnesota, on October 9-10, in connection with the annual state coin show of the Minnesota Organization of Numismatists, and we urge all CSNS members to attend.

I have appointed George D. Hatie, whose past experience and advice is unmeasurable, to again serve as our Legal Counsel.

The reappointment of Roland Finner as Editor of The Centinel should come as no surprise. Rollie's hard work and dedication has made our periodical the finest regional publication of its kind in the country.

You will find in this issue of The Centinel a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws. They have been prepared in such a way so that you may remove them from the center of our publication. Save them for your information.

A warm welcome is extended to the new members who will serve on the Board of Governors. Both Leon Hendrickson and Michael Kolman are fine and reputable coin dealers, Jack D. Huggins has won many awards with his coin exhibits, and Tom Jones has served as president of the Michigan State Numismatic Society.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a special welcome to Marjorie Owen, our new Secretary-Treasurer. She has taken a heavy burden upon herself in assuming her new duties, but she has shown us that she is more than capable in doing a fine job for us.

—HAROLD H. BERK
President

A MESSAGE FROM THE

SECRETARY

I am most happy to be able to greet my fellow members in Central States Numismatic Society, as your new Secretary-Treasurer. I only hope I can, in some measure, fill the shoes of the good people who have preceded me in this post. My deep thanks to Oliver Horton, especially, who has done so much to prepare me for the job. His patience and understanding when I was trying to comprehend all the details is deeply appreciated. I have been actively involved in the hobby for the past ten years, and, for many years previous, have shared my husband's interest. Currently, I am serving as Editor of the *Iowa Collector*, the bulletin for the Iowa Numismatic Association. Both Lowell and I are enthusiastic exhibitors, and have captured quite a number of Best of Show trophies, including the Lewis M. Reagan Memorial Foundation Award for Best of Show last year in Kansas City. Believe me, all you exhibitors, that is quite a thrill and a goal worth reaching for.

I will do my very best to fill this job in an efficient manner. If you have suggestions or complaints, please don't hesitate to let me know about them. We had a good number of new applicants for membership from the convention, and I am trying to get their cards to them, as well as renewal cards for the rest for us. I hope I can have this accomplished before this *Centinel* issue reaches you.

The Society owes a vote of thanks to Bill Pettit and his crew for a tremendous convention in Chicago. Having acted as assistant chairman for several

shows, including Iowa State Conventions, I can appreciate the long hours and hard work that go into an affair such as this one. A reminder, too, at this time: Make a note to be sure to attend the 1977 convention in Milwaukee, May 13-15. A. P. (Del) Bertschy, the old "pro," will be in charge, and, his having led many successful conventions in the past, you may be assured of an outstanding event.

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I must repeat what has been told you again and again: Please send your change of address to me. It really is a shame to have the Centinel sent out and returned because of a wrong address. (Besides, it costs money!)

Also, I would remind everyone, our year runs from May 1 to April 30. If you have not paid your dues, you are now delinquent. I will be glad to accept your \$3 dues and return a new card to you.

Kurt Krueger, the Governor from

Wisconsin, is currently working on a new application for new members. These will be available from all Officers and Board members. We also have Life Membership forms available. According to the revised By-Laws, the Life Membership fee is \$100. I might add, the Life Membership card is a very attractive metal card. Perhaps we can get a picture of it in an up-coming issue of the Centinel.

—MARJORIE M. OWEN
Secretary-Treasurer



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that time.

New Members Since the April Issue of THE CENTINEL

2721	Dolly E. Piff	Belleville, Illinois
2722	Harold E. Collins	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
2723	Ferdinand S. Dombrowski	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
2724	Michael Segersin	Green Bay, Wisconsin
2725	Marie T. Vosicky	Riverside, Illinois
2726	Gordon Z. Greene	Anaheim, California
2727	Phyllis Pratt	Arkansas City, Kansas
2728	Gregory J. Gaskill	Chicago, Illinois
2729	Marilyn M. Douglas	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
2730	Frieda Schnell	Chicago, Illinois
2731-J	Joe Szyszka	Oak Park, Illinois
2732	Martin C. Lofersky	Chicago, Illinois
2733	Lowell D. Daniels	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
2734	Arthur F. Jurs	Oak Brook, Illinois
2735	Randall G. Schweitzer	Chicago, Illinois
2736	Daniel Dorece	Kenosha, Wisconsin
2737	Dr. George W. Vogt	San Antonio, Texas
2738	Roy Wilsey	Winona, Minnesota
2739	Minnesota Organization of Numismatists	St. Paul, Minnesota
2740	Edward A. Zabawski	Chicago, Illinois
2741	Kenneth B. Binger	Marion, Iowa
2742	Carolyn Conkle	Warren, Ohio
2743	Terry Zastrow	Mauston, Wisconsin
2744	Ernie Fleck	Warren, Ohio
2745	Robert J. Beckert	Oakland, California
2746	Suzanne J. Berk	Warren, Ohio
2747	Jim Williams	Dayton, Ohio
2748	Jon Evans	Las Vegas, Nevada

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2749	Clifford H. Sutton	Bethel Park, Pennsylvania
2750	Ron Scnieber	Akron, Ohio
2751-J	John M. Quirk, Jr.	Warren, Ohio
2752	David L. Linberg	Council Bluffs, Iowa
2753	Central Dakota Coin Club	Carrington, North Dakota
2754	Numismatic Association of North Dakota	Jamestown, North Dakota

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FUTURE CSNS CONVENTIONS

May 13-15, 1977 Red Carpet-Expo Center Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Chairman: A. P. "Del" Bertschy, 714 E. Glendale Avenue, Milwaukee,
Wisconsin 53211.

May 12-14, 1978 Chase-Park Plaza Hotel St. Louis, Missouri

Tentatively awarded, 1979 Dearborn, Michigan

Dates to be announced, 1980 Lincoln, Nebraska

Chairman: Allen L. Schrock, P.O. Box 1212, D.T.S., Omaha, Nebraska 68101.

Tentatively awarded, 1981 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

NOTE TO CLUB OFFICIALS: Interested in hosting a future CSNS convention? It's not too early to begin thinking of the future! Submit your letter of invitation to the CSNS Secretary-Treasurer at your earliest convenience. Your request will receive the prompt attention of the Officers and Board of Governors.

— NOTICE —

Central States Numismatic Society is desirous of receiving proposals for the convention auctions to be held in 1978, 1979, and 1980. Any interested numismatic firm experienced in conducting public auctions should promptly present a written proposal specifying the amount it is willing to pay to the Society for the privilege of conducting the auction. Proposals should be mailed to: Harold H. Berk, CSNS President, 2671 Youngstown Road, S. E., Warren, Ohio 44484.

CALENDAR OF STATE CONVENTIONS

Officials of state numismatic organizations within the 13-state Central States area are invited to submit information relative to their annual conventions for listing in The Centinel's

"Calendar of State Conventions." Convention information should be sent to the Editor as soon as dates have been confirmed to allow for timely publication.



ILLINOIS

September 10-12 Decatur

Illinois Numismatic Association 16th annual convention, Holiday Inn, U.S. 36 West & Wyckles Road.

Chairman & Bourse: Don Fisher, P.O. Box 123, Decatur, Ill. 62526. Exhibits: William L. Salow, P.O. Box 161, Kankakee, Ill. 60901, or Leroy J. Kaczor, 1306 Hollycrest Drive, Champaign, Ill. 61820.

IOWA

October 2-3 Cedar Rapids

Iowa Numismatic Association convention, Hotel Roosevelt Royal.

Chairman: John Kelso, 3016 Chapel Dr. S.W., Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52404. Bourse: James Hamling, 4312 Twin Pine Dr. N.E., Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52402. Exhibits: Marlene Kelso, 3016 Chapel Dr. S.W., Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52404.

KENTUCKY

October 23-24 Louisville

Kentucky State Numismatic Association annual convention, Stouffer's Louisville Inn, 120 W. Broadway, Louisville, Ky. 40202.

Bourse: Tony Sturgeon, P.O. Box 5045, Louisville, Ky. 40205. Exhibits:

John Blunk, P.O. Box 14351, Louisville, Ky. 40214.

MICHIGAN

November 26-28 Dearborn

Michigan State Numismatic Society 21st annual fall convention, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Michigan Avenue at Southfield Expressway (U.S. 12 at M-39), Dearborn.

Address all inquiries to: Dearborn Coin Club, P.O. Box 891, Dearborn, Mich. 48121.

MINNESOTA

October 9-10 Bloomington

Minnesota Organization of Numismatists (MOON) annual convention, Howard Johnson Motor Hotel, 8401 Cedar Ave., Bloomington, Minn. 55420.

State secretary: Ed Westman, P.O. Box 16115, St. Paul, Minn. 55116.

WISCONSIN

April 30-May 1, 1977 Green Bay

Numismatists of Wisconsin annual convention, Brown County Arena and Midway Motor Lodge, Green Bay.

Chairman: Mike Segersin, 1159 Day St., Green Bay, Wis. 54302.

Owen —

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During his term as president of the Des Moines Coin Club (1973-74), he was instrumental in the organization of the Adel and Denison Coin Clubs.

In 1973 Owen was appointed by CSNS President David L. Cooper to the CSNS Board of Governors, a post he held at the time of his death and to which he twice had been re-elected.

His friends in numismatic circles will best remember him for his enthusiastic collecting, trading and exhibiting of paper money. He assembled the largest collection of Iowa national bank notes known to exist during his time.

Owen is survived by his wife, Marjorie, the recently elected CSNS Secretary-Treasurer, and four children, Phyllis, Judy, John and James.

Continuing business should be directed, at Mrs. Owen's request, to: First National Coins, P.O. Box 1, Adel, Iowa 50003.

Auction —

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and type coins selling high, the more common pieces going at bargain bids.

Among the newsworthy Colonials were an Oak Tree sixpence struck on a cut down shilling planchet and bent as a "witch piece." Grading fine overall, it sold for \$500. A VF French colonies 5 sols sold for \$800; a VF Chalmers shilling brought \$750; an AU bar cent sold for \$1,550; a brown Unc. elephant halfpenny token brought \$825; a BU American Plantation token sold for \$1,000 and an Unc. Rhode Island ship token sold for \$975.

Information on receiving a copy of the CSNS auction catalog and list of prices realized is available from Rare Coin Company of America, Inc., 31 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill. 60602.

Convention —

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was designed to honor the founder of "America's authority on coin collecting" — the "Scrapbook" — many other individuals in the industrious Central States' hobby area were also cited in a generous outpouring of recognition.

On behalf of the board, governor Ray Lefman, who chairs the Medal of Merit committee, presented the medals to two society stalwarts. First to receive the honor was Daniel C. Parker for his support of numismatics on the "local, regional and national levels."

The citation noted Parker's dedicated support of the hobby, and his efforts on behalf of CSNS on committees, as an exhibit judge, board member, former president, vice president, show chairman and for his contributions to the society journal, the Centinel.

Numismatic dealer Jack Klausen was also presented the award, for his 20 consecutive years of bourse participation at society shows, his financial and other contributions to the society and for his 128-case, million dollar exhibit at last year's Kansas City CSNS show.

Lefman was also on the giving end of another presentation, being able to divest himself of the show chairman's plaque to Pettit and the host Chicago Coin Club. Lefman, who chaired the Kansas City gathering, noted it would be Pettit's responsibility to store the large silver tray and transport it to Milwaukee for next year's show to present the memento to show chairman Bertschy.

The plaque was originally produced about 1941 by Joseph Stack and features a collection of U.S. type coins, which is missing a Lafayette dollar and twenty-cent piece originally mounted in the grouping, Lefman noted.

Both Sides of the Coin: A Reaction to the CSNS Convention

—by Dr. David Frohman

The objective of any professional conference is personal development and growth, both professionally and socially. Comprehensive planning, varied and interesting programs related to the interests and needs of the participants and conducted by quality presenters provide the necessary stimulation for a meaningful experience at a conference. These objectives were achieved to a great extent due to the efforts of the officers of CSNS. The exhibits were both varied and timely, and the educational workshop and the presenters were truly outstanding.

While the auction and the dealer

bourse tables are an important aspect of this type of conference, the emphasis should be on the educational workshops and exhibits. The attendance at the workshop could have been larger, when considering the quality of the programs. The abstract summaries of the workshops would make a good follow-up in *The Centinel*.

The development of a two-day workshop for professionals and hobbyists in the area of numismatics, by registration only with a registration fee, would tend to be a valuable experience and could raise the level of the educational aspects of a conference. Each participant upon the completion of the 10-12 hour workshop (over a two day period) could receive a certificate of participation. Such areas as the history of numismatics in America, grading coins, ancient coins, and, perhaps, detecting counterfeit items could be included in such a program.

Overall, I feel that this past conference was a fine one and a step in the right direction.

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ORGANIZED APRIL 23, 1939

Incorporated under the Laws of the State of Illinois, May 16, 1955

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME, AREA AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Central States Numismatic Society.

Section 2. The principal activities of this Society shall be conducted in the following Central States: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Section 3. The objects of this Society shall be to promote the science of numismatics, to aid its members in the study, acquisition and exhibition of numismatic material and to co-operate with all numismatic organizations, including individuals, in the science of numismatics.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS

Section 1. Any person of good moral character who has attained the age of eighteen years shall be eligible for Regular Membership. Any person of good moral character who has attained the age of eleven years and who has not attained the age of eighteen years shall be eligible for Junior Membership. Any Regular Member (other than a numismatic club) shall be eligible for Life Membership upon fulfilling the requirements therefore as prescribed in the By-Laws of the Society. Numismatic clubs in the Central States area as defined in Article I, Section 2 of this Constitution shall be eligible for Regular Membership.

Section 2. The officers of this Society shall be a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Immediate Past President and Board of Governors.

ARTICLE III

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting after notice to the membership as required by the By-Laws.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

SOCIETY YEAR

Section 1. The fiscal year of this Society shall be May 1st of one year and including April 30th of the next year.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. The Society shall have three classes of membership: Regular Members, Life Members and Junior Members.

Section 2. Regular Members and Junior Members shall be carried on the roster on a yearly basis as defined in Article I, Section 1 of these By-Laws.

Section 3. Applicants for Life Membership must be Regular Members in good standing for a period of not less than one year.

Section 4. Application for membership in each class shall be made on a form prescribed by the Secretary-Treasurer. Applicants for Regular Membership and Junior Membership shall be proposed by a Regular Member or Life Member in good standing.

Section 5. Duly organized numismatic clubs within the prescribed area of the Central States shall be eligible for Regular Membership, but not for Life Membership (Exception: Central Illinois Numismatic Society which is already Life Member No. 18).

Section 6. Business firms shall not be eligible for membership as such, but individual members of business firms may become members if they meet the requirements of these By-Laws.

Section 7. The Annual Dues for the Society year ending April 30th shall be \$3.00 for Regular Members and \$1.00 for Junior Members. Dues received with applications for new members between January 1st and April 30th of any year shall be considered as full payment of dues for the period ending April 30th of the following year. The Life Membership fee shall be at the rate of twenty (20) years dues when application is made, and must accompany the application. Either the Regular Membership dues or the Life Membership fee may be changed at any annual meeting by a majority vote of the members

present and voting, providing the first sentence of Section 2 of Article VII has been complied with.

Section 8. Membership applications, together with the proper amount of dues, shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall cause a notice of the name of each applicant to be published in The Centinel. If no written objection to an applicant's admission is received by the Secretary-Treasurer by the 20th day of the calendar month succeeding the calendar month in which such issue is transmitted to the members, the applicant shall be deemed admitted to membership. If such written objection is received by the Secretary-Treasurer, he shall advise the applicant in writing of the nature of the objection and request an answer thereto. The Secretary-Treasurer shall refer the applicant's answer, if any, together with any other available information relating thereto, to the Governing Board for consideration and action. The Governing Board may either accept or reject such application, in which event the Secretary-Treasurer shall notify the applicant of the Board's decision. In the event of rejection, the applicant's dues payment shall be refunded. Each applicant accepted for membership shall be entitled to the proper form of membership card signed by both the President and the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 9. Membership dues shall be payable in advance. The Secretary-Treasurer shall send a dues notice during the month of April or May to those members who have not paid their dues for the current year. If not paid by September 30th, the Secretary-Treasurer shall inform such members by mail at their last known address, that unless their current year's dues are paid, their resignation accepted, good cause shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary or knowledge of their death has been received by the Secretary on or before October 31st of the then current year, they will automatically forfeit their membership, and their names shall be published in the next issue of The Centinel as having forfeited their membership for non-payment of dues.

Section 10. The Secretary-Treasurer may re-instate any member expelled from membership for non-payment of dues after investigating and approving such member's conduct prior to re-instatement and upon receipt from said member of the current year's dues. A new membership number shall be assigned to such member. Such member at his option shall be entitled to his former membership number upon paying all of his unpaid dues for the period prior to his re-instatement. If such current year's dues are paid between January 1st and April 30th of any year, they shall be considered as full payment of dues for the period ending April 30th of the following year. Resignations in writing by members in good standing may be accepted by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 11. Any member violating any provision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, committing any unfair or unethical act in his dealings with others, unjustly defaming the character of any other member, interfering with activities of the Society, committing a criminal offense, engaging in conduct unbecoming to a member or engaging in conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the Society shall be subject to expulsion or other disciplinary action as hereinafter provided. Proceedings for such expulsion or other disciplinary action shall be initiated by written charges signed by the person making them. Such charges, with particulars thereof, shall be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall thereupon mail a written copy or summary thereof in an envelope with postage prepaid directed to the accused member at his last address

furnished by him to the Society. The accused member shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to enter a written defense to such charges. The matter shall then be referred to the Governing Board which shall determine the case under such rules and regulations as it may adopt. The Governing Board may dismiss such charges, or it may censure, suspend or expel the accused member. It may cause the result of its action to be published in the official magazine of the Society.

Section 12. Whenever the Governing Board is informed (through sources deemed by the Board to be reliable) that a member has been indicted or otherwise prosecuted for the alleged commission of a criminal offense, the Governing Board may suspend such member pending the final determination of such proceedings. In the event that the Governing Board (through sources deemed by the Board to be reliable) is informed that a member has pleaded guilty to the commission of a criminal offense or has been judicially convicted of committing a criminal offense, the Board may expel such member unless an appeal is pending from the conviction upon which the expulsion was based and the Board has been informed thereof. A member may be suspended or expelled pursuant to this Section 12, whether or not written charges are brought against him and without compliance with the requirements of the preceding Section 11. The Governing Board may cause the result of its action to be published in the official magazine of the Society.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS, GOVERNORS, GOVERNING BOARD

Section 1. The Society shall have a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Editor, Immediate Past President and a maximum of thirteen Governors, all of whom shall constitute a Governing Board. A vacancy during the two year term of any officer, governor or the editor may be filled by appointment of a majority of the Governing Board.

Section 2. The Governing Board shall be generally responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the Society and shall have such other duties and powers as are herein provided.

Section 3. The officers shall have the usual duties delegated to their respective offices and shall serve without compensation.

Section 4. No debts shall be contracted in the name of the Society without the written approval of the majority of the Governing Board except that the Secretary-Treasurer may purchase and pay for stationery, postage and supplies incidental to said office and the Editor may incur the normal expenditures incidental to the publication of The Centinel and his office. Such expenditures shall be accounted for in the reports of the Secretary-Treasurer and Editor respectively at the end of each Society year. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be allowed (in addition to the aforementioned expenditures) the sum of \$200 in April of each year as reimbursement for unrecorded expenditures made by him in the conduct of his office.

Section 5. The President, in 1967 and in each odd numbered year thereafter, in the last issue of The Centinel published prior to November 1st, shall issue a call for nominations of officers and governors. All nominations shall

be made in writing to the Secretary during November of said year and the election shall be held during the following year. Nominations may be made only by Regular or Life Members in good standing at the time of submitting the nominations. No member may nominate himself. The Secretary shall promptly write to each nominee notifying him of such nomination and requesting his written acceptance or refusal thereof. No nominee may accept a nomination for more than one elective office in any one election.

Section 6. The Secretary shall cause a list of nominations and the actions of the nominees thereon to be published in the latest issue of *The Centinel* mailed to the members at least 45 days prior to the first membership meeting of the election year convention. The Secretary shall obtain and publish in the last mentioned issue a biography, not exceeding 200 words in length, of each nominee who has so accepted a nomination, which biography shall include a record of his services to the Society and to numismatics in general.

Section 7. The Secretary shall cause the names of all such nominees who have so accepted to be printed on official ballots and shall cause one of such ballots to be mailed (at least 40 days prior to the first membership meeting of the election year convention) to each member in good standing, together with an envelope marked "Official Ballot" and addressed to the Secretary. Each envelope shall bear a different number, but the number selected shall be within the sole discretion of the Secretary. Only regular members and life members shall insert his ballot in said numbered envelope and seal and mail the same with postage prepaid. Such envelope must be postmarked at least twenty days prior to the date of the first membership meeting of the election year convention in order for the ballot therein to be counted. The Secretary shall retain all sealed ballots unopened and, on the first day of the convention, shall deliver said ballots and a list of the envelope numbers selected to an Election Committee to be appointed by the President.

The Election Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members of the Society who are not candidates for office, each member to be from a different State of the Central States Area as defined in Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution. Such Committee shall tabulate only those ballots that are included in envelopes bearing numbers corresponding to those selected by the Secretary. In instances where more than one envelope bears the same number, the Committee shall endeavor, by an inspection of the envelopes and the ballots therein, or by other means, to determine which ballots are falsified. The Committee shall cause all ballots, all envelopes and a report of the votes cast for each candidate to be delivered to the Secretary promptly following the tabulation.

Section 8. The candidate or candidates who have accepted nominations as aforesaid and who receive the largest number of votes for the respective offices shall be declared duly elected; provided, however, that when more than thirteen candidates have so accepted nominations for Governor not more than two candidates residing in any one State may be elected as Governors even though one or more defeated candidates therefrom shall each receive more votes than an elected candidate residing in some other State. The President will announce the names of those duly elected at the regular membership meeting of the Society. Formal installation ceremonies will be optional. New officers and governors shall assume office following the close of the last business session of an election year convention.

Section 9. In the absence of the President at any meeting, the 1st Vice President shall preside. In the absence of both the President and the 1st Vice President, the 2nd Vice President, the Immediate Past President or a former President shall preside (in the order named). In the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer at any meeting, a former Secretary or a Temporary Secretary may be delegated by the presiding officer to perform the duties of the Secretary.

Section 10. All officers and governors must be individual members in good standing who have attained the age of twenty-one years and who reside within the said Central States area. No member may be nominated for the office of President unless he is or has been a member of the Governing Board. The President shall not be a candidate for re-election.

ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES AND PERSONNEL

Section 1. In conducting the affairs of the Society, the President may appoint and discharge committees, Legal Counsel and other personnel but shall not obligate the Society for the payment of any compensation except with the approval of a majority of the Governing Board. Such appointments are made by the President or his successor in office.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

Section 1. The Society shall meet in convention once each year.

Section 2. The Governing Board shall meet in session during each convention to conduct the affairs of the Society.

Section 3. Special meetings of the Governing Board may be called by the President. An interim meeting of the Governing Board shall be called by the President, and held approximately six (6) months after the Annual Convention, and within the CSNS area, preferably in conjunction with a State or Regional Convention.

Section 4. Members of the Governing Board shall each have one vote on any and all issues and a majority vote shall govern.

Section 5. A resolution may be adopted by mail, provided that a copy thereof must first be mailed to all members of the Governing Board and such resolution must be approved by the mail vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Governing Board.

Section 6. The following order of business is included herein as a guide and convenience only. It is to be flexible for application as conditions warrant:

- (1) Call to order.
- (2) Introduction of visitors or celebrities.
- (3) Reading of Secretary's minutes of last meeting and acceptance thereof.
- (4) Reading of Treasurer's report and acceptance thereof.

- (5) Reading of reports of other officers and acceptance therefore.
- (6) Reading and acceptance of resignations.
- (7) Communications.
- (8) Unfinished business.
- (9) New business.
 - (a) Report of committees.
 - (b) Invitations for future conventions.
 - (c) Other business.
 - (d) Announcement of results of election of officers.
- (10) Introduction and installation of new officers.
- (11) Opportunity to present new business to or by the new officers.
- (12) Adjournment.

Section 7. The time and place of each annual convention shall be decided by the Governing Board after receiving written invitations from Numismatic Clubs who are members of the Society and wish to act as host to such conventions. The time of these conventions shall be the weekend nearest the end of April during which it is possible to obtain adequate hotel accommodations for the conduct of the convention; namely, rooms for exhibits, bourse, auctions, meetings and banquets, as well as a large number of rooms at the same hotel for out of town guests.

Section 8. The Host Club shall conform to, and work in liaison with the Governing Board as pertaining to rules governing conventions. Any person selected as General Chairman must be approved in advance by the Governing Board and may be removed at any time by the Governing Board. The Host Club shall furnish the Secretary-Treasurer with a record of paid registrations by states; a record of the names of the bourse dealers; a list of the names of exhibitors; and, when requested, a list of names and addresses of all persons who registered with the Host Club convention committee.

ARTICLE VI

EXHIBITS AND AWARDS

Section 1. Exhibits may be made at Central States Conventions in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Governing Board from time to time.

Section 2. Exhibitors in competition for awards must be members in good standing of the Central States Numismatic Society. Exhibits, not in competition, are welcome from any numismatist.

Section 3. Awards shall be provided by the host club of such type and number as may be determined by them, with the approval of the Governing Board. The "Best-in-Show" award will be provided by the Governing Board

out of funds of the Society or may be donated by any club, organization or individual with the approval of the Governing Board.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be altered or amended.

Section 2. Amendments to the Constitution and/or By-Laws shall be presented by the Governing Board in writing to the membership either by publication in the last regular issue of *The Centinel* published prior to the annual convention or by written notice to the membership mailed at least ten days prior to the commencement of the annual convention, at which time such amendments shall be voted upon. When voted upon, a two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and voting shall be effective to accomplish any such amendment, except as otherwise provided in Article II, Section 7 of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII

PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. The Central States Numismatic Society may issue a periodical to be known as "The Centinel."

Section 2. An Editor shall be appointed by the Governing Board for a period of two (2) years beginning in 1960.

Section 3. The name and address of the Editor shall be noted on all publications and stationery of the Central States Numismatic Society.

Section 4. "The Centinel" will be published semi-annually. More frequent publication shall be at the discretion of the Editor with the approval of the Governing Board.

Section 5. Any other publication and/or advertisements pertaining to the same, connected in any way with the Central States organization, must have the approval of the Governing Board except that the Publicity Chairman of any Central States Convention may submit publicity releases to newspapers and other periodicals without such approval unless otherwise notified by the Secretary-Treasurer in which case such approval must be obtained.

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SPOTLIGHT



Indiana Salutes The U.S. Bicentennial

The Indiana American Revolution Bicentennial Commission will strike an extremely limited edition of the Official State bicentennial medals in solid 18 kt. gold, according to Michelle A. White, executive director, Indiana American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

The high relief gold edition, 1 in. in diameter, will be limited to 1000 medals and available at \$250 each through participating member banks of the Indiana Bankers Association.

All royalties from the sale of the medals will be used to assist in the support of local and state bicentennial programs.

The design of the medal is the same as the limited edition of pure silver and solid bronze medals released prior to the lifting of the 40-year restriction of U.S. citizens to own gold medals.



The face of the medal portrays George Rogers Clark, facing left, with a tulip tree blossom — official state tree of Indiana — and a dogwood branch — official state tree of Virginia — symbolizing the close ties with Virginia at the time of the Revolution. Surrounding the portrait is the inscription, "Indiana American Revolution Bicentennial."

The reverse of the medal illustrates the official state seal which bears a pioneer scene, a native buffalo and settler clearing his land. The seal has been found on official papers dating as early as 1801; in 1963 the Indiana General Assembly gave legal sanction to the design and provided an official description of the seal.

The medals are struck by Medallic Art Company, official medallists to the state bicentennial commission.

For more information, collectors may write the Indiana American Revolution Bicentennial Medal Program, P.O. Box 44076, Indianapolis, Indiana 46244.

Historic "Tank Cottage" Bicentennial Medal Subject

Green Bay's historic "Tank Cottage" is the subject of an official, limited edition, pure sterling silver Wisconsin medallic salute to the nation's 200th birthday. The issue is being jointly sponsored by the Brown County Historical Society and the Numismatists of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin's oldest standing residence, the "Tank Cottage" was built on the banks of the Fox River within the present boundaries of Green Bay in 1776 by French-Canadian voyageur Joseph Roy. Established as the first permanent settlement in the state in 1745, the Green Bay area had been the site of the first European explorations of the region conducted by Jean Nicolet in 1634.

A typical fur trading voyageur, Roy could neither read nor write, and he

signed his name with a cross, but his wattle constructed dwelling was a spacious home for the time and place, featuring a great fireplace. A respected resident of the hamlet, Roy followed the fur trade in haphazard fashion, cultivating a fine little garden at the site of his home.

From the time Roy sold his home to Jacques Porlier in 1805, the house was to become a focal point of Green Bay's life and growth. Porlier, also engaged in the fur trade, was a Justice of the Peace under English commission and, with the assertion of U.S. rights in the area following the conclusion of the War of 1812, became the first judge of Brown County.

In 1850 title to the home passed to Niels Otto Tank, a Moravian missionary from Norway, who enlarged it by adding wings to either end. What originally had been a rough hewn cottage became a refined home during its occupancy by Tank and his wife Caro-

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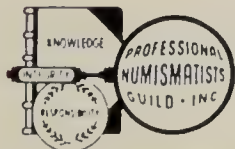
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line, the scion of a wealthy Dutch family, who filled it with the trappings of Europe's gentle society.

Following Mrs. Tank's death, in 1907 the 130 year old home was doomed to be removed from its site on the banks of the Fox River to make way for a factory. Recognizing the historic significance of the house, its then owner, George H. Rice of the Rice Box Company, offered to give it to Green Bay's South Side Improvement Association and Historical Society if the two organizations would remove and preserve it.



This objective was realized in 1908 when the cottage was moved to Union Park, an appropriate location as the park had been bequeathed to the city by Mrs. Tank and was subsequently renamed Tank Park, after an appropriation of \$350 to fund the relocation was provided by the Green Bay city council. There it stood for nearly 70 years on grounds entirely surrounded by a low stone wall.

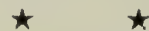
The "Tank Cottage" is presently being relocated for a second time. Early this year it was removed from Tank Park across the Fox River to a site in the new state sponsored Heritage Hill historical development, a planned historical park setting of several groupings undertaken in this bicentennial year to establish a single historical focal point for the Green Bay area.

The official, limited edition, pure sterling silver Wisconsin medallic salute to the nation's bicentennial jointly sponsored by the Brown County Historical Society and the Numismatists of Wisconsin depicts the historic "Tank Cottage" on the obverse and the seals of the organizations on the reverse. Distributed in the Green Bay area by the Brown County Historical Society at Bakes of Green Bay, the Neville Public Museum and the Cotton House, it may also be purchased through the mail by writing the Numismatists of Wisconsin.



The pure sterling silver "Tank Cottage" medal, finely sculptured and struck in flawless proof quality with frosted relief against a brilliant, mirror-like background by The Franklin Mint, is available for just \$15 per medal. The issue is also available in solid bronze, proof quality at \$6 per medal. Regular mint quality bronze examples are available at \$3.50 per medal. The three medals may be purchased as a set for just \$23.50.

All mail orders should be directed to the Numismatists of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 316N, Iola, WI 54945.



In 1793, the sum of \$3.00 was paid for a watchdog to protect "Ye Olde Mint," as the building was designated on the exterior.



Gordon Greene (left), the newest recipient of the Numismatic Ambassador Award sponsored by Numismatic News, and Krause Publications president Chester Krause unveiling the perpetual honor roll plaque of recipients.

Ambassador "Honor Roll" Unveiled at Krause Dedication, Open House

A permanent honor roll for Numismatic Ambassador Award recipients has been established in the visitor lobby of the newly dedicated Krause Publications office building in Iola, Wisconsin. The July 17 unveiling ceremony included the presentation of the 24th award to Gordon Z. Greene of Anaheim, Calif.

The Numismatic Ambassador Award

was established by Numismatic News in 1974 to annually recognize several outstanding people from coast to coast whose extraordinary leadership abilities, devotion, sincerity, patience, perseverance and an ability to get things done have contributed greatly to the coin hobby's development. The News is one of five periodicals in the coin and antique car collecting fields published by Krause Publications.

The Numismatic Ambassador Award honor roll is a large wall mounted plaque treated in the style of the individual plaques presented to each recipient. It carries a dedicatory inscription — "Honored for Dedicated, Selfless Devotion to Coin Collecting Goals" — and individually engraved plates bearing the name of each recipient, along with the date and city of presentation.

Unveiling of the perpetual honor roll of ambassadors was the opening event in a day long program of activities marking the official dedication of Krause Publications' new office build-



Chester L. Krause, president of Krause Publications, addresses the crowd of 700 friends, fellow townsmen, business associates and hobbyists who traveled from all over the U.S. to attend the dedication of the Wisconsin-based publishing firm's new office building.

ing and production facility. Established in Iola 24 years ago, the firm is the coin hobby's foremost periodical publisher with an audience of more than 400,000.

Twelve of 23 past recipients of the Numismatic Ambassador Award were present for the unveiling ceremony. They included Charles Colver of Covina, Calif., who on April 20, 1974, became the first recipient, and Fred Glatt of Anchorage, Alaska, who on May 12 was the most recent named. Other past recipients were present from Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Following dedication of the honor roll, the 24th award, and the first presented in Iola, was extended to Gordon Greene, who had assisted Krause Publications president Chester L. Krause in the unveiling. Hailing from Anaheim, Calif., Greene is a long-time, outstanding collector and exhibitor of Lincoln numismatic mementos, and an enthusiastic worker for organized numismatics throughout Southern California.

The surprise presentation to Greene, who produces the Numismatic Ambassador program awards for Numismatic News, was witnessed by more than a hundred hobby dignitaries. The list included James Conlon, director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and Virgil Hancock of Houston, Texas, president of the American Numismatic Association. Past ANA presidents Virginia Culver of Irvine, Calif., and John J. Pittman of Rochester, N.Y. were also present, as was ANA executive vice president Edward C. Rochette of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Several additional Numismatic Ambassador Award recipients will be named before the end of 1976. They and the previous award recipients will form a distinguished panel to name their successors for 1977 and succeeding years, as nominated by Numismatic News readers.

Minnesota Medal Marks Bicentennial

The Minnesota American Revolution Bicentennial Commission will strike an extremely limited edition of the official state bicentennial medal in solid 18 kt. gold, it was announced today by Ed McGaa, commission chairman.

The high relief gold edition, 1 in. in diameter, will be limited to 1000 medals and available at \$250 each through participating members of the Minnesota Bankers Association.

All royalties from the sale of the limited edition medals go to the bicentennial commission to help support its programs, which include matching grants for a bicentennial opera on Edgar Allen Poe by Minnesota's Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Dominic Argento; restoration of a pre-Civil War village in the Minnesota River Valley; the restoration and statewide tour of the works of Minnesota artists; and the Mississippi River project, an ecological program designed to stimulate the public's education, involvement and enjoyment of the vast watershed.

McGaa noted that Georgia was the first of the 13 original states to offer a similar gold medal at \$250 each. Less than 25 percent of the 1000 limited edition was available for purchase one week after the first deliveries were made.

The design of the medal is the same as the limited edition of pure silver and solid bronze medals released prior to the lifting of the 40-year ban on the right of U.S. citizens to own gold medals.

The face of the medal features an Indian, representing the state's first Sioux and Chippewa inhabitants, paddling across one of Minnesota's 15,000 lakes in a birch bark canoe.

Beyond the lake's horizon is a large, contemporary sunburst. Superimposed

on the sunburst is an Indian peace pipe, representing Pipestone National Monument. Inset into recessed areas between the sun's rays are symbols of the state's natural resources, a walleyed pike, the state fish; a loon, the state bird; a showy lady's slipper, the state flower; and a pine cone, the state tree.



The reverse design is based on the heroic granite sculpture, "The Pioneers," by 100-year-old John K. Daniels, of Edina. The three pioneer figures in the sculpture in Minneapolis' Dikeman Park are a kneeling woodsman with an ax and rifle, a farmer holding a plow handle and a mother and her baby.



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For more information, collectors may write the Minnesota Bicentennial Medal Program, P.O. Box 3304, St. Paul, Minn. 55165.

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Michigan YN's Produce

Wooden Nickels for Conclave

A contest instituted by Florence Schook, Michigan State Numismatic Society's Secretary and Chairlady of the ANA Young Numismatist Program, last fall for all Junior members of MSNS resulted in the selection of two first place winners. YN's tied for first place were Bill Ewald of Birmingham, and Peter Weiss of Southfield.

The purpose of the contest was for all YN's of MSNS to develop and submit original designs and vie for prizes with the top winner's design placed



on a wooden nickel to be used in conjunction with the 1976 MSNS Spring Convention hosted by the Kalamazoo Numismatic Club. All entries received sets of coins with the first and second place winners receiving 1970-D Mint Sets and Proof Sets. The winners were further feted by attending the Club President's Breakfast of the Society at the convention.

Proceeds from the sale of the wooden nickels go into the MSNS Young Numismatist Fund for future activities. This project, as well as many of prior ventures of the Young Numismatists of Michigan, was funded by Honorary Life Member Joe Overstreet.

Specimens of the two designs are available from the MSNS Secretary, P.O. Box 2014, Livonia, Michigan 48154, for 50c a set, plus self-addressed stamped envelope.



Coins known as "cash" have, for about 2,000 years, been of almost uniform design, circular in shape, with a square hole in the center.



Michigan Coin Club Celebrates 300th Meeting

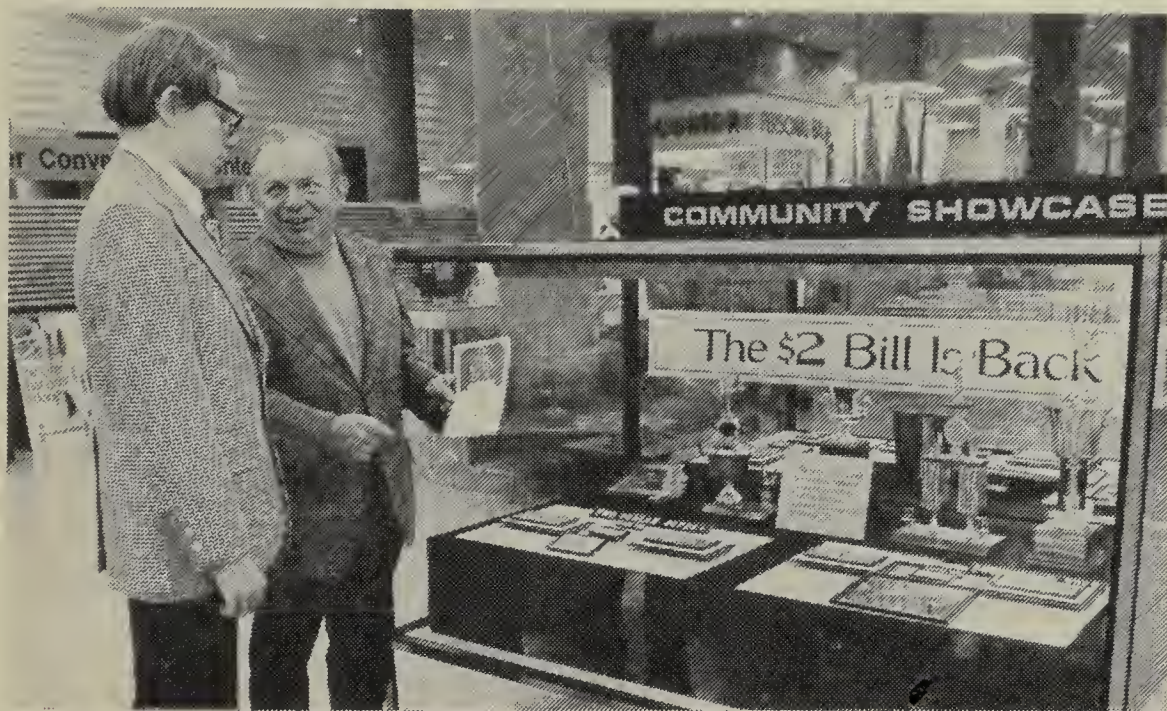
The Dearborn (Michigan) Coin Club held its first meeting at the Dearborn Youth Center on August 2, 1960. Over 15 years later, the club celebrated the occasion of its 300th meeting in the same place on March 30, 1976. Members present at both the first and 300th meetings were: Tony Johnson, Charles Lange, Larry Susalla and Don Squire. Of the 58 charter members, four others were present: Alice Novak, Al Polder, James Sarigiani and Ronald Young.

The club picked this special occasion to award its third life membership to Gene Collister for over ten years of outstanding service to the club. Ed Marusak was presented a plaque as a special award for his contributions during the past several years. Special guest of honor was Don Squire, co-founder and first president of the club, who spoke briefly on why he helped found the club. Club medals

were struck and inscribed for each member attending the meeting.

After having co-hosted the Michigan State Numismatic Society's convention several times with other Detroit area clubs, the Dearborn Coin Club will act as sole host for the 1976 fall

convention at the new Hyatt Regency Dearborn. A planning committee consisting of Helen Sedo, Florence Schook, Al Polder and Bob Brown has made the necessary arrangements for the event, which is traditionally held the weekend following Thanksgiving.



As their contribution toward promoting National Coin Week '76 and the new Bicentennial \$2 bill, Jack Huggins, Jr. and Jack Huggins, Sr. of Belleville, Illinois, combined their talents to create a five case exhibit featuring crisp small size \$2 notes, 1928 thru 1976 series. On display in the lobby of the First National Bank of St. Louis during the latter three weeks of April, the exhibit, viewed by an estimated 90,000 persons, was enhanced by display of a series of ornate coin show exhibit trophies won by the younger Huggins at various state and national exhibitions. Hand-outs pertaining to membership in the ANA, CSNS, and state and local coin clubs were readily available to the interested viewers. Bank officials have agreed, it is reported, to make space available in the future to the Huggins family for more exhibits as part of their continuing effort to popularize the hobby.

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Winona County, Minnesota has commemorated the U.S. Bicentennial with the release of a medal which, in one respect, may be unique. The dollar-size medal circulates freely within the county as legal tender. Produced by the Hamilton Mint, the medal's obverse bears devices symbolic of this Mississippi River area and its heritage. The back carries the necessary inscription for it to be used as quasi-legal tender in the county during the Bicentennial year. Uncirculated bronze specimens with informative leaflet are available, post-paid, for \$2.50 from Winona Coins & Hobby Crafts, P.O. Box 377 Winona, Minn. 55987.

Letter To The Editor

In his article in the April issue, Kurt Krueger asks for some thoughts and ideas on CSNS regaining its leadership as a numismatic organization. Somewhere, somehow, someone must push for membership in order for any organization to continue on a high level.

When I took over as secretary of the Dearborn Coin Club in January, 1975, I couldn't figure out our membership status in CSNS. The last membership card showed that the club's membership expired as of 4-30-74, but — lo and behold — the club kept receiving regular issues of "The Centinel." Finally in December, 1975, our club was billed for two years dues. Because it was so close to expiration time, at my suggestion our club sent in \$9 to cover dues through April 30, 1977. So even though our club had been a member for 14 years, no billing was made for almost two years! You know, and I know, that most people don't bother to send in dues

unless reminded. With clubs, it's even worse, because officers keep changing ever year or two. You must hold on to your old members while adding new ones.

There should definitely be more tie-in and cooperation with the state groups, particularly if the information can be filtered down to the local clubs. Such things as authentication service, museum, and library are expensive duplications of services already provided by the ANA. The speakers' bureau sounds like a terrific idea. This could help solve state groups' problems by having lists of speakers with their specialties and what fees, if any, are expected for the service.

No one can rest on past laurels! CSNS should expand in membership, but not over-expand in area.

—HELEN SEDO
Secretary
Dearborn Coin Club

BAH, HUMBUG!

—by Clement F. Bailey, NLG

(Editor's Note: Mr. Bailey's article, "The Great Gold Rip-Off," in the April issue of The Centinel, drew quick responses from numerous readers including the Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial medal program. That response, along with Bailey's conclusion, follow.)

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April 2, 1976

Dear Mr. Bailey:

"As a writer you are, thanks to the American Revolution whose 200th anniversary is currently being celebrated, entitled to write and publish whatever is on your mind. However, at this late date, we do not intend to, nor can we engage in any debate with you as to the actions taken by the then President Roosevelt in recalling gold coins from all Americans as that action relates to the prices currently placed on our medals.

"You should recognize that any profits we derive from the sale of our medals is plowed back into local Bicentennial projects. There are many costs involved in the production of our medals, ranging from the creation of the original design, the striking of the medals at the United States Mint, their boxing, packaging and mailing, the bookkeeping, promotion and advertising, and many others. The Bicentennial Medals program was established by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration in accordance with Public Law 93-179, which was passed by the Congress and signed by the President.

"As you continue with your column writing, you might wish to report that as of this date 154 of the \$4,000 gold medals have been sold and paid for in advance to be kept and valued as treasured Bicentennial commemoratives."

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In the hobby of numismatics there are very few, and I mean **very few**, commercial numismatic publications that actually give an average collector a fair shake. No commercial publication can afford to take a stand on the "wool pulling" that is being done by the commercials.

(See **Bailey**, page 32)

The ABCs of Numismatics

— by Daniel C. Parker, NLG



Part 12

Know Your Coins!

At the risk of sounding like a one-string harp, I must continue to stress: study your coins, examine them closely, **know** your coins! One result of following this advice is the fact that you may profit handsomely!

In the course of turning out the nation's coinage, the Mint is as prone to error as you and I. If the error is obvious enough, particularly if it is clearly visible to the naked eye, someone, somewhere, will pay a handsome premium for it. We do have specialists who are very much enamoured of mint errors. They seek them assiduously and are quite happy to pay the premium to possess that error.

What brought on this great stress on the examination of coins? A re-examination of my own type set! Several years ago, while waiting to speak to a club, I examined a coin that had been placed in a friendly club auction. It was a nearly uncirculated specimen of a Seated Liberty Quarter. I wondered what it would bring at auction. This was a time of great interest in more modern coins. Cents and Jefferson nickels were "red hot" at the time. When the coin was called, the auctioneer had only a small stirring of interest. I was struck by the low bid that opened the sale. A lousy dollar for a coin nearly one hundred

years old and in quite choice condition. With only a slight hesitation, I bid a dollar and a half! Again the auctioneer asked for a raise. After a couple of calls, he got the raise to two dollars. I felt it was an insult and this time bid \$3! The coin was knocked down to me. This was close to the end of the lots that had been placed in the sale, and I picked up the lot.

Nearly immediately after I had bought the coin, I was invited to give my talk. Ironically enough, my talk this day was to be on "Study and Know Your Coins!" The talk was well received and I answered many questions by the club members present. Because of the interest displayed by those asking questions, I forgot about my purchase. The coin was in a simple holder and I had slipped it into my pocket. I did have a considerable drive home and, as the hour was late, I forgot completely about the coin until the following day when it was placed in a safe depository.

Sometime later, I was present when a group of type coins were being sold at another auction. This time, another Seated Liberty Quarter was in the auction. This one was gem, uncirculated and well struck. After some spirited bidding, I made the purchase. The price was a very modest one. This time, when I put the coin into the type set, I removed the previously purchased coin. It was at this time

that I took a few moments to carefully examine the coin that I had removed from the type set. Wonder of wonders, I had a little jewel! The year: 1877-S. Don't run for your Guidebooks! It was the scarce "vertical over horizontal S." Shortly thereafter I ran into a specialist friend whose specialty was the quarter! When he examined the coin, he made an offer that not only exceeded the price I had paid for the gem, but also allowed a modest profit.

After this experience, I decided I had better examine all of my holdings more carefully. I went back to the type set and went through it coin by coin. I discovered that I owned an overdate large cent, a rare variety, that allowed me to purchase a much better condition coin with the price realized when I sold the overdate to a specialist. I also discovered an uncirculated Lincoln cent, the second rarest date in the Lincoln series, the 1931-S, which had been struck on a flawed planchet. Although it was uncirculated, and beautifully struck, the obverse had a major lamination in the planchet which nearly "lifted" the entire head of Lincoln. Although I had paid top dollar for the uncirculated 1931-S, I still was able to make myself — and the error collector — happy when the coin was resold.

The above incidents took place when

I had 10-15 years of experience as a collector. Long ago I had learned that one must examine a coin carefully, but I had neglected a thorough study of my own coins! Rest assured, since that time, I not only examine the coin prior to purchase, but study it thoroughly when I get it home! One of my favorite books is the common "Guide Book," a modest \$3 book that has many times paid for itself because of its extensive listing of the oddities and rarities in the minting.

You, the reader, may be skeptical that such a coincidence can happen to you. Don't believe it! Just two years ago, while on church business in the East, I dropped into a bank in the city I was visiting. It was out of my Federal Reserve District, so I wished to purchase two rolls of uncirculated cents of the current year. When I got my purchase home (naturally, I didn't examine it in the bank!), I went through the rolls very carefully and found, among the 100 cents, two "double die" 1972 cents. Fortunate? Yes! But also grateful that I had learned my own lesson well. Again, may I emphasize to you: **KNOW YOUR COINS!!**

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Grading Simplified: Know The Score

—by Kurt R. Krueger, NLG

Back in the July 19, 1975, issue of Numismatic News Weekly, under our "Accent On Youth" by-line, we outlined a potential grading system on a quantitative zero to one hundred scale. We called our proposal "Analogical Grading."

We defined the analogical grading system as a parallel of the adjectival and quantitative ratings. Present day terms were incorporated into the system.

The article drew a number of responses, both positive and negative. The intention of summoning thought was, therefore, realized to a rather satisfying degree. And from this desk, we have conducted an unofficial survey of the grading question.

Our findings have indicated that a great majority of those contacted feel that the universally accepted mode of grading should be on a quantitative scale. Problems, however, have arisen. While the dealer fraternity seems to favor the Sheldon scale, the silent majority favors a zero to one hundred scale.

The dealer faction states that a departure from the Sheldon scale would cause many problems, as a phenomenal amount of numismatic material has been rated according to Sheldon's system through the years.

The numismatic community, however, leans towards the conclusion that a one thru seventy scale is difficult to comprehend and that for dealers to take the stand that much material exists with Sheldon ratings is unfair to the future of the hobby. They contend that Sheldon's system has been in use

only since the late 1940s, and the question should be aimed at the hereafter, not what once was, but rather what will be for eternity.

Both factions have valid points. The problem with both systems, however, are all the other numbers inbetween. Already we see evidence of material entering the market graded by the Sheldon system utilizing pluses and minuses and numbers not called for in the original guideline. The biggest problem is in the form of uncirculated coins. We have observed material rated mint state 62, 67½, and 70 plus. At this rate, we will someday have material being graded with a whole number followed by a fraction or perhaps hundredths of a whole number. The result will be more problems than we have today.

Is there a remedy to the grading question? We must face reality and admit that we will never attain 100% agreement on any grading system. We can, however, strive to secure a majority decision which could perhaps approach 80%. A lofty goal, indeed, but a goal that is essential.

It is not our intention to stir the bee's nest, but an interesting thought has come to mind. We may be able to eliminate that problem which looms before a quantitative grading scale . . . the numbers inbetween.

Consider a quantitative grading system on a one thru twenty scale. We'll borrow the term analogical from our previous presentation and add the score. In as much as we are striving to keep adjectival and quantitative parallelism, along with a strict number of allowable ratings, we'll peg

this suggestion grading via Analogical Score.

This system has real potential because there is but a single ground rule to contend with: twenty grades utilizing only whole numbers.

We present the following objectives:

QUANTITATIVE SCALE

1 — Identifiable, 2 — Poor, 3 — Fair, 4 — About Good, 5 — About Good to Good, 6 — Good, 7 — Good to Very Good, 8 — Very Good, 9 — Very Good to Fine, 10 — Fine, 11 — Fine to Very Fine, 12 — Very Fine, 13 — Very Fine to Extremely Fine, 14 — Extremely Fine, 15 — Extremely Fine to About Uncirculated, 16 — About Uncirculated, 17 — About Uncirculated to Uncirculated, 18 — Uncirculated, 19 — Brilliant Uncirculated, 20 — Absolutely Perfect Gem Uncirculated.

BASIC ANALOGICAL SCORE & ADJECTIVAL CORRELATIONS

- 1—Identifiable only as to type.
- 2—Type readily identifiable, no date.
- 3—Type readily identifiable, date partially apparent.
- 4—All devices apparent, date partially readable.
- 5—All devices clear, lettering worn into rim, date fully readable.
- 6—Devices very clear, rim nearly complete.
- 7—Devices very clear, full rim.
- 8—Devices well defined, Liberty and mottos partially complete.

- 9—Devices very well defined, Liberty and mottos nearly complete.
- 10—All design clear, Liberty and mottos full.
- 11—All design very clear, Liberty and mottos full.
- 12—All design sharp, Liberty and mottos show slight wear.
- 13—All design very sharp, Liberty and mottos rather sharp.
- 14—All design exceedingly sharp, Liberty and mottos very sharp.
- 15—High points show minimal wear.
- 16—Only slight wear on highest points (slider).
- 17—Very slight wear on the highest points (super slider).
- 18—No wear, luster not full.
- 19—Full strike with full brilliance present (choice).
- 20—Absolute perfection, no marks whatsoever (gem). (NOTE: A coin of this caliber is all but non-existent.)

We have been approached by a number of folks wondering why we “have it in” for the hobby, pointing towards the many controversial articles regarding the grading question. Before we go further, let me stress the fact that we “pipe up” from this desk because we love the hobby, not despise it.

Analogical Score (AS) tells it as is! It represents simplicity within a complicated vector, mathematics. Keep in mind that should such a system be utilized, it would have to be mapped out in a more concise manner. The outline as presented only touches the fringes of this possible solution to simplified grading.

Again, I stress that only thought can bring loose ends together. If you like what you see, tell someone. If you don't like what you see, I can not be offended.

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Hewitt —

(From page 5)

60s — after it became a business rather than a simple extension of his hobby interests, he maintained a dedication to hobby service. Late in 1942, as an example, he stepped away from leadership of the Scrapbook to serve the American Numismatic Association's "Numismatist" in a similar capacity during a three month emergency.

The Numismatic Ambassador Award presented to Hewitt was established in 1974 for the purpose of recognizing deserving individuals for dedicated, selfless and largely unacknowledged service to coin collecting in many and varied capacities. At their feet rests a substantial amount of the credit due for having made our hobby the enjoyable, rewarding pursuit it is today.

These hobby leaders, whom we at Iola have elected to identify as Numismatic Ambassadors, from the relatively unknown to the well known like Lee Hewitt, are a credit to the hobby; they exemplify basic principles that make coin collecting such an enjoy-

able pastime. They are industrious and innovative, and they are utterly sincere in their devotion to collecting, evidencing the utmost honesty and integrity in everything they do. But, perhaps, above all, they display a keen sense of sharing — both of their time and their knowledge.

Because it would have been next to impossible to hope to accomplish the intended objective by setting out to choose one particular collector each year who best exemplified the embodiment of all the varied qualities that make a numismatic ambassador — qualities such as devotion, sincerity, patience, perseverance and an ability to get things done — Numismatic News elected to honor several of these truly deserving collectors annually. The first awards were presented in 1974, and more followed in 1975.

Hewitt, honorary president of the Central States Numismatic Society, is the recipient of several other important awards including medals of merit presented by the American Numismatic Association, CSNS and the Chicago Coin Club. He also received the ANA's highest honor, the Farran Zerbe Award, in 1962.

Bailey —

(From page 27)

It is doubtful if any of the commercial publications would have printed the information about the gold medals of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration such as used by The Centinel, as well as the Illinois Numismatic Association's quarterly bulletin.

Protection of the average collector is not a function of the commercial publications, regardless of what they say. They can not afford to have any commercial houses rain terror over their heads by the embargo of the advertising dollar. (We know of a recent case of this type.) The only avenue to

inform collectors is through the non-profit publications such as this, The Centinel.

My previous article on the gold medals of the ARBA was taken in a dim light by the bureau. And why not; they have to promote themselves and justify themselves at budget time.

They mentioned that our kinfolk made it possible to give me a free press. That is a truism . . . my relatives fought in the First Regiment of Minute Men of New York, but not to let a 1976 bureaucrat take a shot at your pocketbook with stolen public gold at premium prices.

Let me reiterate that the gold medals offered by the ARBA are just short of fraud!

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